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SUBJECT: IMPLEMENTATION OF LONG-TERM ECONOMIC AGREEMENT

DEPARTMENT POUCHES TODAY FOLLOWING LETTER FROM SECRETARY
SIMON TO MINISTER PATOLICHEV PROPOSING THAT FIRST MEETING
OF WORKING GROUP OF EXPERTS ON SUBJECT AGREEMENT TAKE PLACE
IN MOSCOW BEGINNING WEEK OF OCTOBER 28. PLEASE TRANSMIT
BELOW TEXT TO MFT ON SEPTEMBER 2.

BEGIN TEXT:

DEAR MR. MINISTER:

YOU AND I NOW HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO PROCEED WITH IMPE-
MENTATION OF THE LONG-TERM AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UNITED
STATES OF AMERICA AND THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST
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REPUBLICS TO FACILITATE ECONOMIC, INDUSTRIAL, AND TECHNICAL

COOPERATION, SIGNED AT MOSCOW ON JUNE 29, 1974. ARTICLE III OF THE AGREEMENT PROVIDES THAT A WORKING GROUP OF EXPERTS CONVENED BY THE US-USSR COMMERCIAL COMMISSION SHALL MEET NOT LESS FREQUENTLY THAN ONCE A YEAR TO EXCHANGE INFORMATION AND FORECASTS OF BASIC ECONOMIC, INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL TRENDS.

I WOULD LIKE TO SUGGEST FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION THAT THE FIRST SUCH MEETING OF EXPERTS TAKE PLACE IN MOSCOW BEGINNING OCTOBER 28 FOR THREE OR FOUR DAYS. THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION WOULD BE HEADED BY AN OFFICIAL OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY RANK AND WOULD INCLUDE EXPERTS FROM THE DEPARTMENTS OF STATE, TREASURY AND COMMERCE, THE COUNCIL OF ECONOMIC ADVISERS, AND THE COUNCIL ON INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC POLICY.

IN MY VIEW THIS FIRST MEETING, IN ADDITION TO DEALING WITH ORGANIZATIONAL AND PROCEDURAL MATTERS, SHOULD ATTEMPT TO EXCHANGE INFORMATION OF SUBSTANCE. WE PROPOSE THAT CERTAIN WRITTEN INFORMATION BE EXCHANGED IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING IN ORDER TO PERMIT A MORE CONSTRUCTIVE DIALOGUE. WE WOULD BE HAPPY TO INFORM YOU AT AN EARLY DATE OF THE KINDS OF INFORMATION WE WOULD BE PREPARED TO SUPPLY, WITH THE HOPE THAT THE SOVIET SIDE WOULD FURNISH COMPARABLE DATA.

IT WOULD PROBABLY BE USEFUL FOR US TO BEGIN PLANNING FOR THE NEXT MEETING OF OUR COMMERCIAL COMMISSION. UNFORTUNATELY I SHALL NOT BE ABLE TO ACCEPT THE INVITATION TO THE OCTOBER MEETING OF THE TRADE COUNCIL, BUT I DO THINK IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR US TO GET TOGETHER IN THE NOT-TOO-DISTANT FUTURE. WHAT WOULD YOU THINK OF A COMMISSION MEETING AS EARLY AS JANUARY? SINCERELY YOURS, WILLIAM E. SIMON. END TEXT. KISSINGER

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